sub-transmission and distribution network under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) and the status of utilization are as under :

(Rs. Crore)

(As on 31-3-2003)

Scheme(s)*	2000-2001			2002-2003		
	APDRP Compo-nent	APDRP Release	Utili-zation	APDRP Compo-nent	APDRP Release	Utili-zation
Sub-transmission & Distribution						
Madhya Pradesh	29.12	29.15	48.83	299.49	74.74	11.96
Chhattisgarh	10.26	10.26	20.52	212.29	10.00	23.90
Maharashtra	90.20	90.20	86.64	553.93	138.48	65.09

*No releases in 2001-2002.

The amounts utilized by the Utilities of the above State Governments also include the counter part funds arranged from the financial institutions/internal resources.

Formula of power allocation

† 3508. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh for amendment in the formula for power allocation to States from Central power generation stations;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide additional power to States for meeting the demand of power for 'Flood lighting'; and

(d) if so, by when, the additional power would be supplied to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No specific proposal has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for amendment in the formula of power allocation to States from Central Sector Generating Stations. However, the said formula was reviewed and it was decided in April, 2000 to treat the

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existing formula as 'guidelines' so as to link the allocation of power with the need for capacity to pay. Under the 'guidelines' power from new Central Sector Power Stations will be made to the States/UTs as per their entitlement subject to the power purchase agreements to be signed with CPSUs concerned.

(c) and (d) As per information available, no specific request has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for providing additional power to meet the demand for flood lighting.

Setting up of power projects by private/public sector companies in N.E. States

†3509. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects set up in North-Eastern States by private sector and public sector companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has not been any effective improvement in North-Eastern States even after the setting up of above projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Media reports captioned : 'rolls-royce powers Andhra bribe'

3510. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the media reports captioned 'Rolls-Royce powers Andhra bribe';

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reference is to reports in the British Media stating that the Rolls Royce Company (a UK based firm) had allegedly made secret pay-offs to an Indian firm, Towanda Services Ltd., to secure bids for the 'Engineering, Procurement & Construction' (EPC) as well as the O&M contract in relation to the 208 MW Godavari power project being implemented in Andhra Pradesh by M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited (SPGL).

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